GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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GENDER EQUALITY IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the precise observation made by the U N fund for Development of Women about gender equality in India and the suggestions made there under; and

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has released in India in July 2000 its report on `Progress of the World's Women 2000', which is the first edition of a biennial report. The report is a global assessment of the world's women from mid 1980s to the late 1990s, and focuses on economic dimensions of gender equality and women's empowerment, and assesses women's progress using indicators. It also raises issues of government and corporate accountability. Its future vision includes women's entering and transforming financial markets (e.g. micro-credit), markets for goods and services and transforming economic policy making etc. No suggestion specific or exclusive to India has been made in the report . However while discussing specific issues, case studies and practices in India have been cited.

(b) Does not arise.